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BOOK REVIEWS

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A HANDBOOK ON PSYCHOLOGY AND MENTAL DISEASE FOR USE IN TRAINING-SCHOOLS, FOR ATTENDANTS AND NURSES AND IN MEDICAL CLASSES, AND AS A READY REFERENCE FOR THE PRACTITIONER. By C. B. Burr, M.D., Medical Director of Oak Grove Hospital (Flint, Mich.) for Mental and Nervous Diseases; Formerly Medical Superintendent of the Eastern Michigan Asylum; Member of the American Medico-Psychological Association, of the American Medical Association, of the American Neurological Association, of the Detroit Society of Neurology and Psychiatry; Corresponding Fellow of the Detroit Academy of Medicine; Foreign Associate Member of Societe Medico-Psychologique of Paris, etc. Fourth Edition. Revised and enlarged with illustrations. Philadelphia. F. A. Davis Company, Publishers, English Depot: Stanley Phillips, London, 1914.

This book, which has grown increasingly valuable as the author keeps adding to it from his long experience, is now in the fourth edition.

For practical teaching in nursing the insane, perhaps Dr. Burr is a little disappointing, only about twenty-five pages at the end of the book being devoted to nursing, and even this small part fails to give very definite directions for actual nursing. The greater part of the book is concerned with psychology and insanity, with a short chapter on the management of the insane from the medical standpoint.

NURSING AND CARE OF THE NERVOUS AND THE INSANE. By Charles K. Mills, M.D., Professor of Neurology in the University of Pennsylvania; Neurologist to the Philadelphia General Hospital. Third Edition revised by the Author, assisted by N. S. Yawger, M.D., Instructor of Neurology, University of Pennsylvania, Assistant Neurologist, Philadelphia General Hospital. J. B. Lippincott, Philadelphia and London. Price $1.25.

The authors of this book quite properly agree that the nursing of the nervous and the insane calls for special training and a high order of intelligence on the part of the nurse. Perusal of the book, however, brings one to the conclusion that as yet the special training and the

superior intelligence are all to belong to the doctor, the nurse being content to exercise them vicariously. The book is discouragingly full of things "a nurse need not know." The reader feels inclined to remind the authors of the axiom of an old professor of physiology, quoted to many a medical student, to the effect that nature may be able to take care of a surplus but she cannot supply a deficiency.

The application of treatment by massage, baths, and electricity are discussed to a limited extent; and general principles of institutional, rather than private or home care, of the insane form a large part of the text.

ESSENTIALS OF MEDICAL ELECTRICITY FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS AND NURSES. By George K. Abbott, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine, College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, Cal. 12 mo. of 132 pages with 87 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1915. Cloth $1.25.

This book will be found a helpful adjunct to laboratory teaching. It gives many valuable practical demonstrations of the use and nature of electrical machines and the application of their use for therapeutic purposes. Besides many elucidating plates, there are at the end of most of the chapters short reviews arranged in question form, for the use of students.

DORLAND'S AMERICAN POCKET MEDICAL DICTIONARY. Edited by W. A. Newman Dorland, M.D., Editor *American Illustrated Medical Dictionary*. Ninth Edition Revised and Enlarged. 30 mo. of 691 pages. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1915. Flexible leather, gold edges, Plain $1.00 net; Thumb index $1.25 net.

With each appearance this little book becomes more popular, indeed it is hard to find a fault in it. Designed for quick reference, it is arranged alphabetically, so it is its own index. This new ninth edition contains several hundred new terms, and it retains its old form with handsome leather binding.